



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Verdi Square
February 11, 2025**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on Verdi Square, a triangular public park built in 1887 and designated Scenic Landmark. The application is to modify curbing and construct a path.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the care and attention being given to the triangular oasis that is Verdi Square located within a bustling intersection on the Upper West Side and one of the smallest Scenic Landmarks in the city. Our Committee commends efforts to make our city parks more accessible and agrees that lowering the granite curb is appropriate.

We would, however, like the Commission and the applicant to investigate more appropriate materials for the pathway. Aesthetically, the asphalt pathway stands out negatively in the landscape. However, if asphalt is the chosen material, we would ask that it be a permeable material.

Thank you.